

44. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 43, wherein said first portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.
45. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the integrally formed dressing body has an outer surface, and  
further comprising fibres affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed dressing body.
46. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.
47. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the fibres are cotton.
48. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the first portion extends beyond said absorptive device.
49. (Amended) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the dressing is a body-tight seamless dressing.
50. (Amended) A protective dressing according to claim 42, wherein the dressing is a body-tight seamless dressing.
51. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing comprising the steps of:  
forming an integral dressing body of a liquid impermeable material, the integral dressing body having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;  
associating an absorptive device with the first portion of the integrally formed dressing body; and  
affixing fibres to at least a part the second portion.
52. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the associating of the absorptive device with the first portion includes contacting the absorptive device while the liquid impermeable material is drying.
53. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the fibres are cotton.
54. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres includes spraying an adhesive to the part of the second portion and spraying fibres to the part of the second portion.
55. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres comprises affixed fibres to the inner surface of the dressing body except for a section of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device and proximate to the portion of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device.

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